

RECOVERY FUNDS AT WORK IN OHIO'S SIXTH DISTRICT

Ohio Will Receive More Than \$515 million In Energy And Labor Funding From Recovery Act

Wilson: "This investment will help Ohio create jobs, move us toward energy independence and help dislocated workers."

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Labor have both posted that they are releasing the funding to Ohio as specified by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

ENERGY

Ohio will receive more than \$362 million for weatherization funding and energy efficiency grants as part of the Recovery Act.

"Putting Ohioans back to work weatherizing homes just makes good sense," Wilson said. "It's an investment that pays back in three ways: it creates sorely needed jobs, it will help families save money on their energy bills and it will help move this country toward energy independence."

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Ohio will receive \$266,781,409 for the Weatherization Assistance Program and \$96,083,000 for the State Energy Program.

The funding will support weatherization of homes, including adding more insulation, sealing leaks and modernizing heating and air conditioning equipment.

The Weatherization Assistance Program will allow an average investment of up to \$6,500 per home in energy efficiency upgrades and will be available for families making up to 200% of the federal poverty level - or about \$44,000 a year for a family of four. The DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program allows low-income families to reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient, reducing heating bills by an average of 32% and overall energy bills by hundreds of dollars per year.

How to Apply: Funds will be added to the State's Weatherization Program. Individuals can apply for the Ohio Department of Development Energy Assistance Programs at <http://www.development.ohio.gov/cms/uploadedfiles/CDD/OCS/Revised%20App.pdf> or by calling 1-800-282-0880.

The State Energy Program funding will be available for rebates to consumers for home energy audits or other energy saving improvements; development of renewable energy projects for clean electricity generation and alternative fuels; promotion of Energy Star

products; efficiency upgrades for state and local government buildings; and other innovative state efforts to help save families money on their energy bills.

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed at the State's discretion. Please visit www.recovery.ohio.gov for more information and to apply through the State.

LABOR

Ohio will receive more than \$153 million in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grants as part of the Recovery Act.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Ohio will receive \$56,158,510 for WIA Youth Activities, \$23,386,373 for WIA Adult Activities, \$58,511,252 for WIA Dislocated Worker Activities, and \$15,017,635 for Wagner-Peyser Employment Services.

"In this tough economy, it's a good thing that we're investing in Main Street and in our workers and their families who are suffering," Wilson said. "These programs help train workers and develop talent."

How to Apply: Funds will be distributed to the states by formula. The State of Ohio administers Workforce Investment grants through a series of One-Stops through the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. A map of the Ohio One-Stop system can be found at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/workforce/jobseekers/onestopmap.stm>.